

REMARKS

Now in the application are Claims 1-28 of which Claims 1, 14, and 21 are independent. The following remarks address all stated grounds for rejection, and place the presently pending claims, as identified above, in condition for allowance.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112

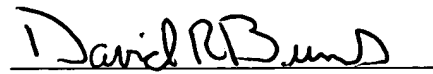
The Examiner rejects Claims 1-28 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants' regard as their invention. Specifically, the Examiner contends that the recitation of "memory primitive" is indefinite because it is unclear what "a memory primitive" is represented for. Applicants' respectfully disagree with the Examiner's contention that the recitation "a memory primitive" renders Claims 1-28 indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants' regard as their invention.

Applicants' respectfully direct the Examiner to page 11, line 23 to page 13, line 15 of the specification for a detailed description of the recitation "a memory primitive" and how the recitation relates to Applicants' invention. Moreover, Applicants' contend that the recitation "a memory primitive" is a readily identifiable term of art to one skilled in the art. The recited term defines a measurable structure with a reasonable degree of particularity and distinctiveness. In light of the clarity and precision that the content of the specification provides and the interpretation of the recitation that would be given by one possessing the ordinary level of skill in the art at the time the invention was made, Applicants' request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of Claims 1-28 under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants contend that Claims 1-28 are patentable and in condition for allowance. If there are any remaining issues, an opportunity for an interview is requested prior to the issuance of another Office Action. If the above arguments are not deemed to place this case in condition for allowance, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

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